College, Panchayats and Municipalities.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I move resolution No. 3 that "*this Council recommends to the Government that fixed annual contributions to the College, the Panchayats, and the Municipalities as proposed by the Committee may be given*".

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Sir, I rise to second the resolution. As regards the contribution to the Panchayats, I consider that an annual allotment of one and a half lakhs of rupees is quite adequate at present. But I do not agree with the view of the majority in the report that the expenditure for the next ten years should on no account be allowed to exceed this amount. Sir, the Panchayat is a growing Department with vast possibilities of expansion for the lasting good of the rural population in our State. This will involve a proportionately growing expenditure, which should on no account be curtailed.

As regards the question of the contribution to the Municipalities, if the House will examine the annual allotments in the budgets to the various Municipalities since their inception, it will be found that the Ernakulam and Mattancheri Municipalities always came in for the 'Lion's Share' of these and the Trichur Municipality has been very much neglected by Government. The Trichur Municipality is anxious to introduce many improvement schemes. Of these, the electric lighting of the Town may cost a lakh of rupees, the erection of the Town Hall about the same amount, while the water supply scheme may cost even more. The Municipality is not in a position to carry out these schemes unless they are financed by the Government. Even the fixed annual contribution of Rs. 8,000 suggested in the main report may not be sufficient in view of the improvements to be effected to the roads which are now in a disgraceful state. I hope the Government will in future be more alive to the needs of this Municipality and help it to carry on the various town improvement schemes it has on hand and give it the consideration that is its due.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The proposition, as it stands, says "*as recommended by the Committee*". I am speaking about the Municipality of Ernakulam. According to the Member for Planters, the amount prescribed for the Trichur Municipality is quite insufficient, and according to me I raise the same cry with regard to the Ernakulam Municipality as well. Therefore, if it can be amended as "*may be given according to the necessities as fixed by Government*", it would be alright.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I accept the amendment. Even as regards the Panchayats, the same amendment may stand. They will be developed in course of time, and more money may be necessary.

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The resolution, subject to the amendment of Mr. P. Krishna Menon, was put and agreed to.

Co-operative Department.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I beg to move resolution No. 76 "*that in view of the need for the development, strengthening and improvement of Co-operative organisation and effort in all its branches in the State, this Council do recommend to the Government that a larger sum of money be spent for the more efficient working of this Department*". Considering the usefulness of the Co-operative Department, I beg to state that the amounts annually budgetted are quite insufficient to develop, strengthen and improve Co-operative organisation and effort in all its branches in the State. From very humble beginnings, the Department has now organised and developed more than 155 Societies. But the staff is quite inadequate to cope with the increased work they have to attend to. Besides, the Department has been able to do practically nothing in the direction of agricultural and industrial development. So, the appointment of two temporary Inspectors will not be a lasting solution of the problem. More permanent men are required. Each taluk must have a Co-operative Inspector. The proposed grade of Rs. 40-60 is not adequate, and I would suggest that they be graded at Rs. 60-80. The office staff also deserve some consideration as regards their salaries.

Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—I second it.

The resolution was put and agreed to.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The time is up, and if we do not carry the original resolution No. 2, it would appear that the recommendation of the Committee with regard to them has not been accepted by this House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I have one or two important motions. We have been finishing so many pages in the report, and what I request the House and the President is to continue the sitting for some time more, so that we may be able to finish the work, as is done in other similar institutions, especially in view of the fact that we have almost come to the fag end of it. We have lost more than 2 hours on the first day in considering the procedure.

Deputy President.—It was taken by the Council. It is not the fault of anybody.

Mr. P. Kumaran Eshuthassan.—I have a motion with regard to the pension of inferior servants, "*that the recommendation of this House regarding the pension of inferior servants may be extended to those who have been pensioned already.*" That will bring a rupee or so to those who have been pensioned

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